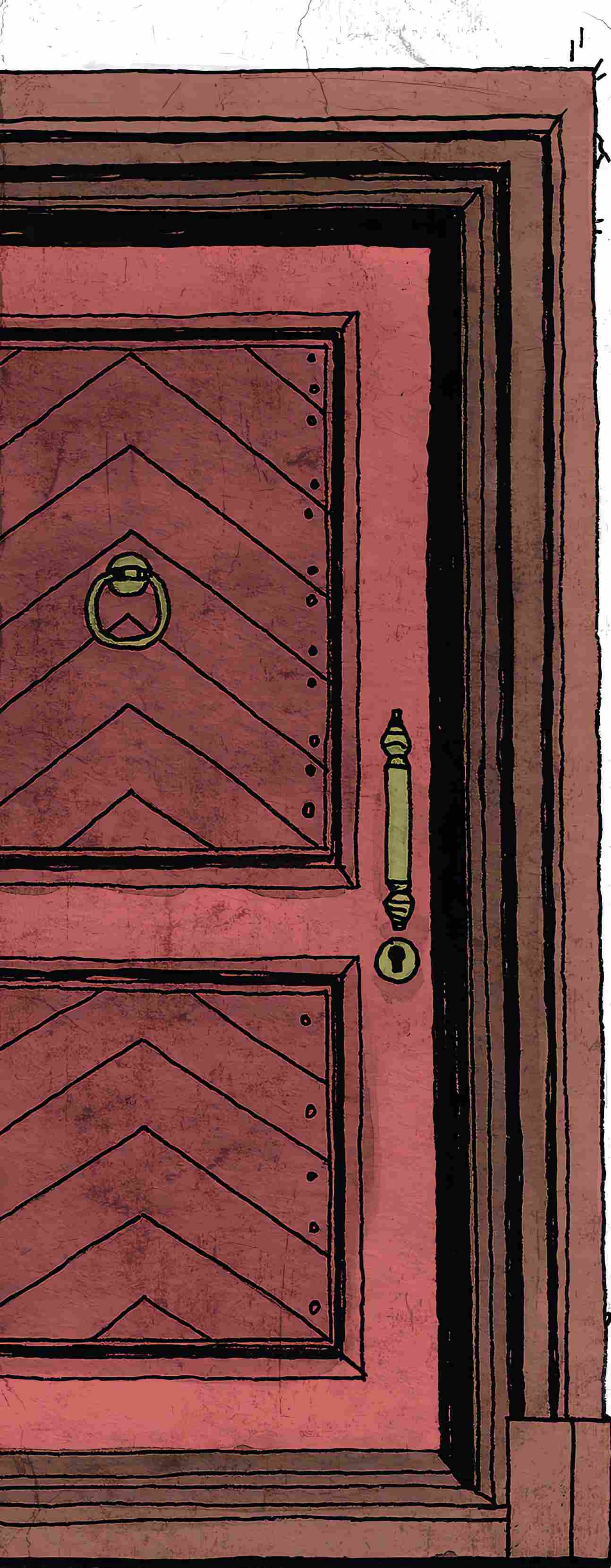


SCARLET WITCH

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If your
NEED IS GREAT
and your
HOPE IS GONE,
there you will meet the...

SCARLET WITCH

Wanda Maximoff has opened a witchcraft shop called Emporium, which, in addition to selling magical remedies, is also home to the Last Door, a portal that appears only to those with nowhere else to turn. Recently, Magneto's clone, Joseph, arrived at Emporium, seemingly seeking redemption for his violent past. Wanda gave him a chance to earn it by helping her seek justice for her customers--but just when Wanda thought Joseph a friend, he revealed his allegiance to Hexfinder, killer of witches!

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**LOTKILL,
NEW YORK.**

YOU
VIOLATE MY
HOME. POISON
PEOPLE AGAINST
ME.

WHY,
HEXFINDER?

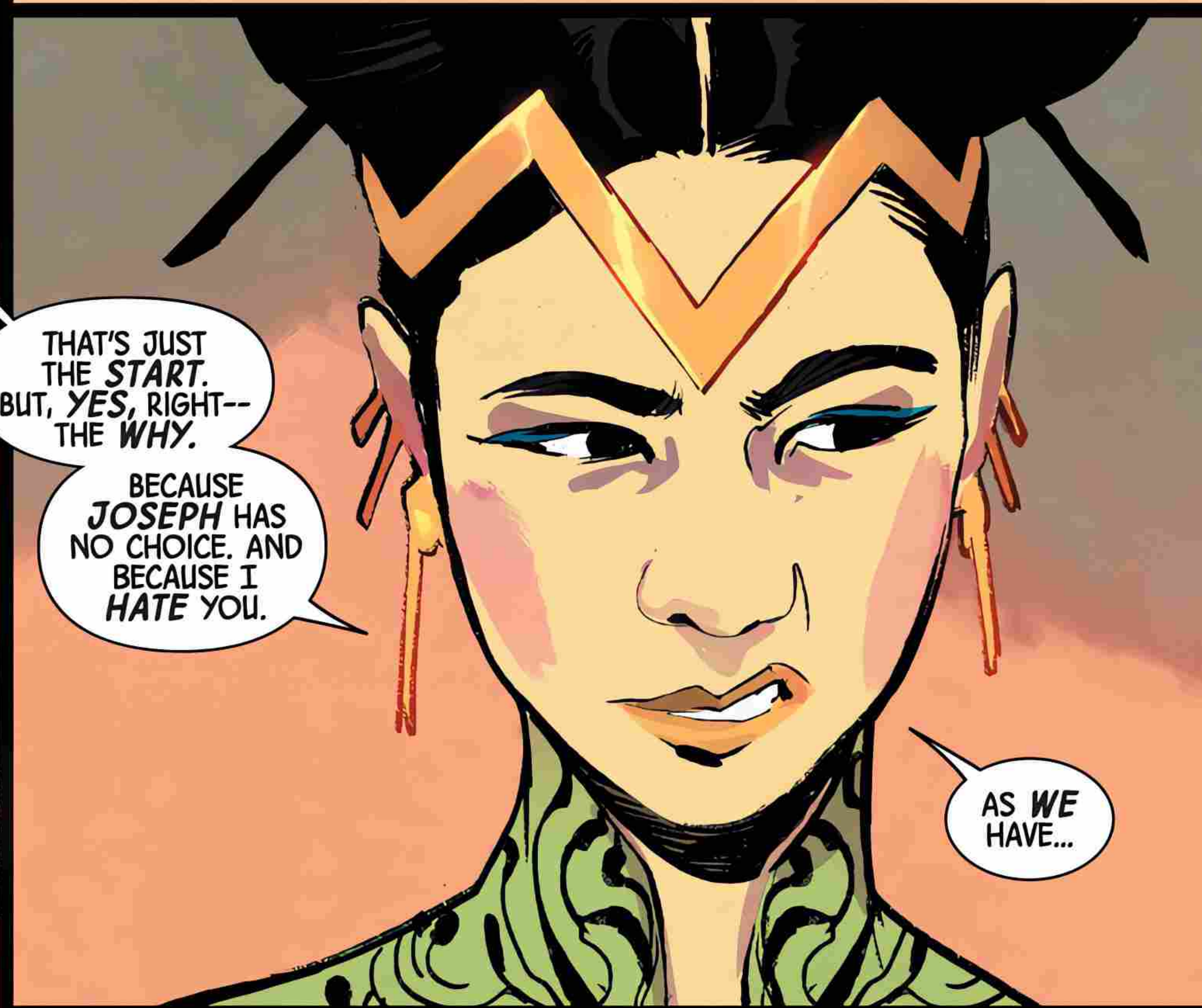


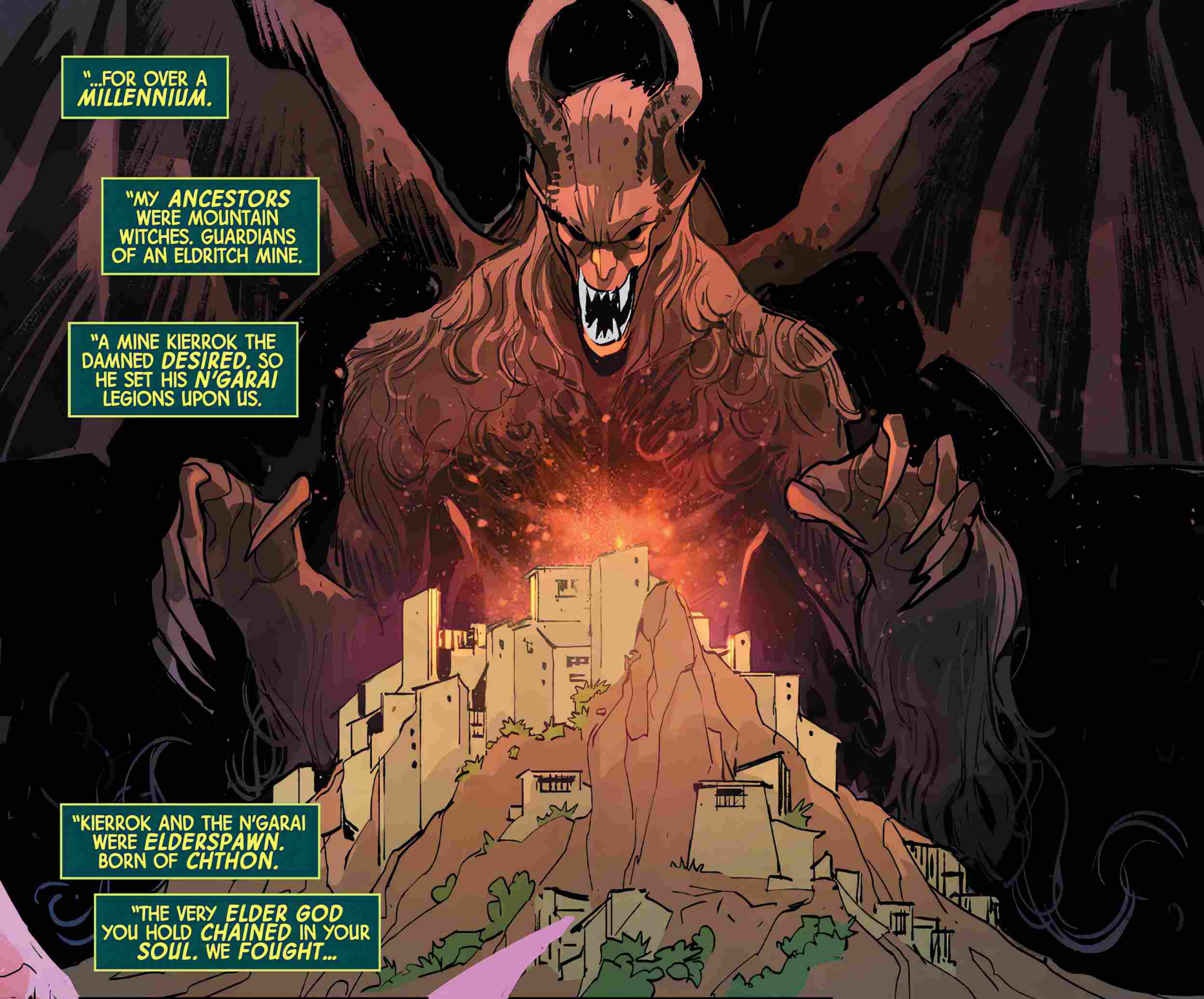
I'VE **ALSO**
TAKEN YOUR
HAND...BY **PROXY**,
OF COURSE.

THAT'S JUST
THE **START**.
BUT, **YES**, RIGHT--
THE **WHY**.

BECAUSE
JOSEPH HAS
NO CHOICE, AND
BECAUSE I
HATE YOU.

AS WE
HAVE...





"...FOR OVER A
MILLENNIUM.

"MY ANCESTORS
WERE MOUNTAIN
WITCHES. GUARDIANS
OF AN ELDRITCH MINE.

"A MINE KIERROK THE
DAMNED DESIRED. SO
HE SET HIS N'GARAI
LEGIONS UPON US.

"KIERROK AND THE N'GARAI
WERE *ELDERSPAWN*.
BORN OF *CHTHON*.

"THE VERY *ELDER GOD*
YOU HOLD CHAINED IN YOUR
SOUL. WE FOUGHT...

"...BUT OUR OWN SPELLS
FAILED US. WE PRAYED TO
WITCHCRAFT, OUR GODDESS...

"...BUT HEARD NO
REPLY. SHE LEFT US
TO THE SLAUGHTER.



"WE WERE ABANDONED.
BETRAYED. HELL, WARLOCK
MEANS OATHBREAKER.

"THAT IS WHAT
WITCHCRAFT IS.
WHO WITCHES
ARE. *HEXES*..."



...A **CURSE**--ONE I KNOW HOW TO **BREAK**. THOUGH YOU'RE NOT JUST ANY WITCH.

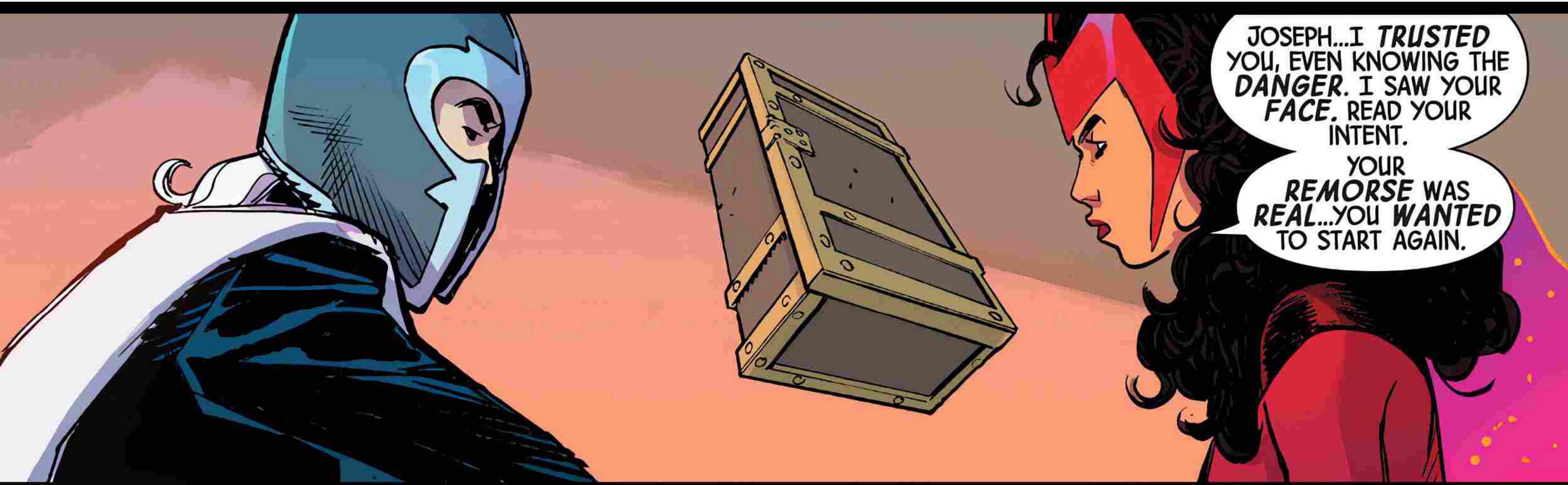
ORCHESTRATING YOUR **KILLING BLOW** TOOK WORK, WANDA. IT TOOK TIME FOR YOU TO **FLINCH**. BUT THEN...

...THE **DEATH** OF YOUR CHOSEN **FATHER**.



MAGNETO WAS NO **PUPPET**. BUT THAT IS ALL **JOSEPH** HAS EVER BEEN.

SO I REBUILT HIS **BODY**, PLUCKED HIS **ESSENCE** FROM YOUR KRAKOAN WAITING ROOM, AND WITH A BIOCHEMICAL JOLT...MY STAFF WOKE HIS **MIND**.

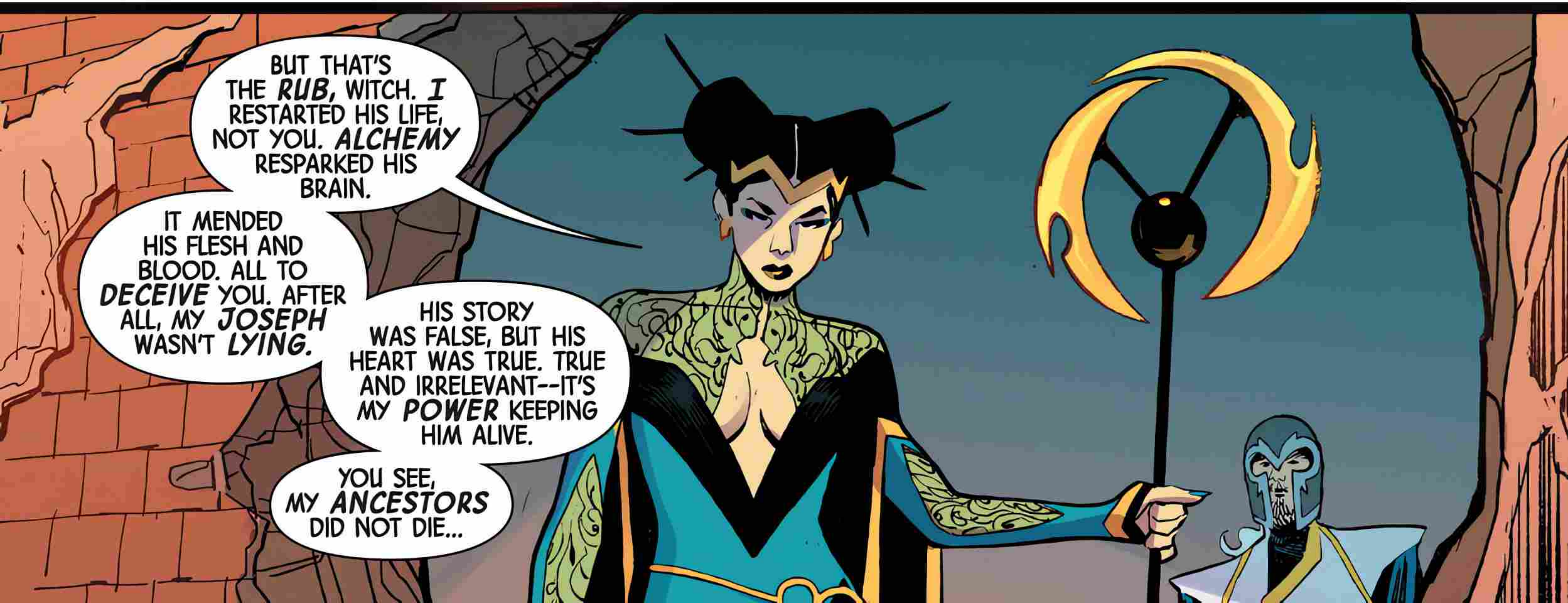


JOSEPH...I **TRUSTED** YOU, EVEN KNOWING THE **DANGER**. I SAW YOUR **FACE**. READ YOUR INTENT.

YOUR **REMORSE** WAS **REAL**...YOU **WANTED** TO START AGAIN.



I **DID**.



BUT THAT'S THE **RUB**, WITCH. I RESTARTED HIS LIFE, NOT YOU. **ALCHEMY** RESPAKED HIS BRAIN.

IT MENDED HIS FLESH AND BLOOD. ALL TO **DECEIVE** YOU. AFTER ALL, MY **JOSEPH** WASN'T **LYING**.

HIS STORY WAS FALSE, BUT HIS HEART WAS TRUE. TRUE AND IRRELEVANT--IT'S MY **POWER** KEEPING HIM ALIVE.

YOU SEE, MY **ANCESTORS** DID NOT DIE...

"...THEY RETREATED TO THEIR MINE. THERE, THE FIRST FIVE HEXFINDERS FORGED THE FIVE SACRED TOOLS.

"THEY EMERGED AND REPELLED THE N'GARAI WITH A POWER THAT WOULD NOT WAVER.

"THE GIFT TO CHANGE WHAT IS REAL. TO TRANSFORM WHAT IS THERE, WITHOUT FAITH.

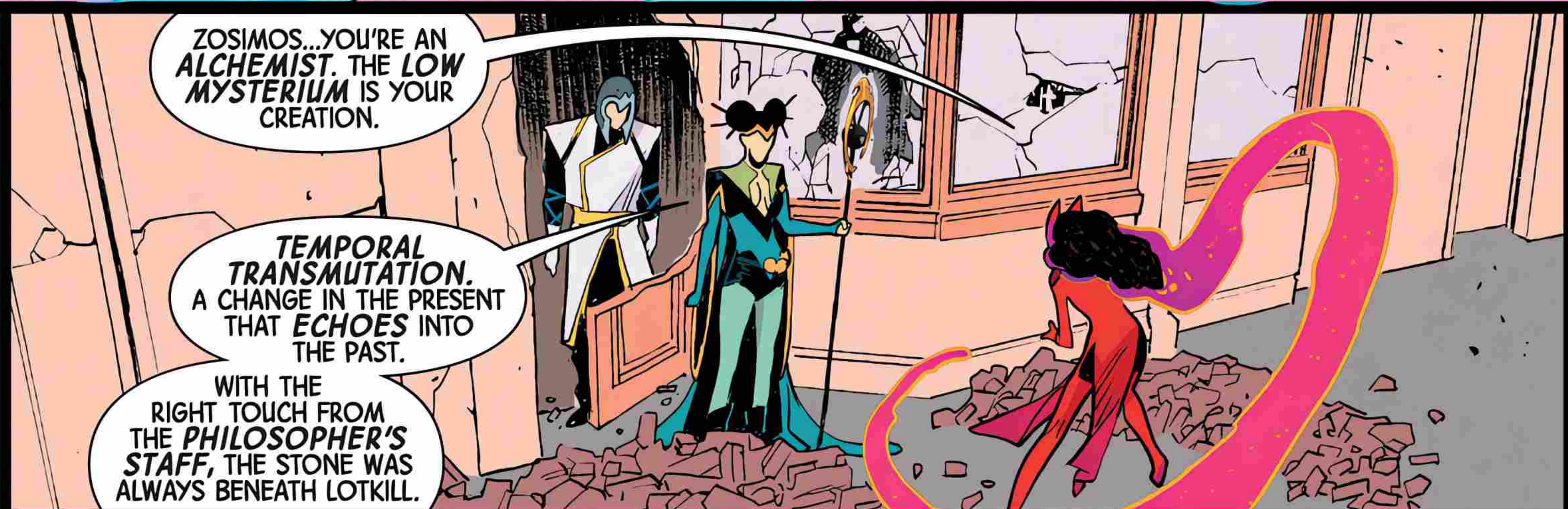
"A GIFT PASSED FROM TEACHER TO STUDENT. OF WHICH I, NICOLA ZOSIMOS, AM THE LAST."



ZOSIMOS...YOU'RE AN ALCHEMIST. THE LOW MYSTERIUM IS YOUR CREATION.

TEMPORAL TRANSMUTATION. A CHANGE IN THE PRESENT THAT ECHOES INTO THE PAST.

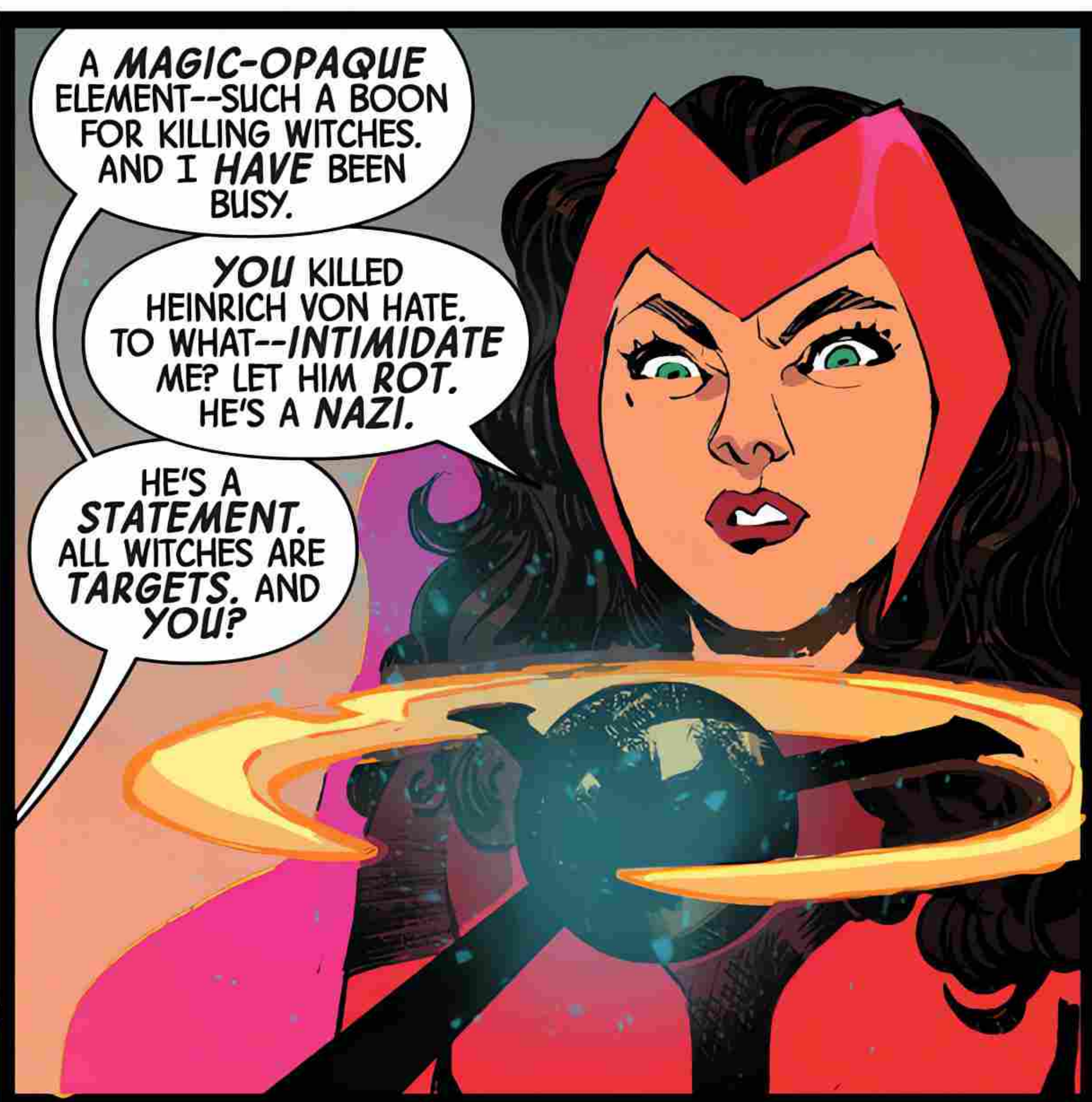
WITH THE RIGHT TOUCH FROM THE PHILOSOPHER'S STAFF, THE STONE WAS ALWAYS BENEATH LOTKILL.



A MAGIC-OPAQUE ELEMENT--SUCH A BOON FOR KILLING WITCHES. AND I HAVE BEEN BUSY.

YOU KILLED HEINRICH VON HATE. TO WHAT--INTIMIDATE ME? LET HIM ROT. HE'S A NAZI.

HE'S A STATEMENT. ALL WITCHES ARE TARGETS. AND YOU?



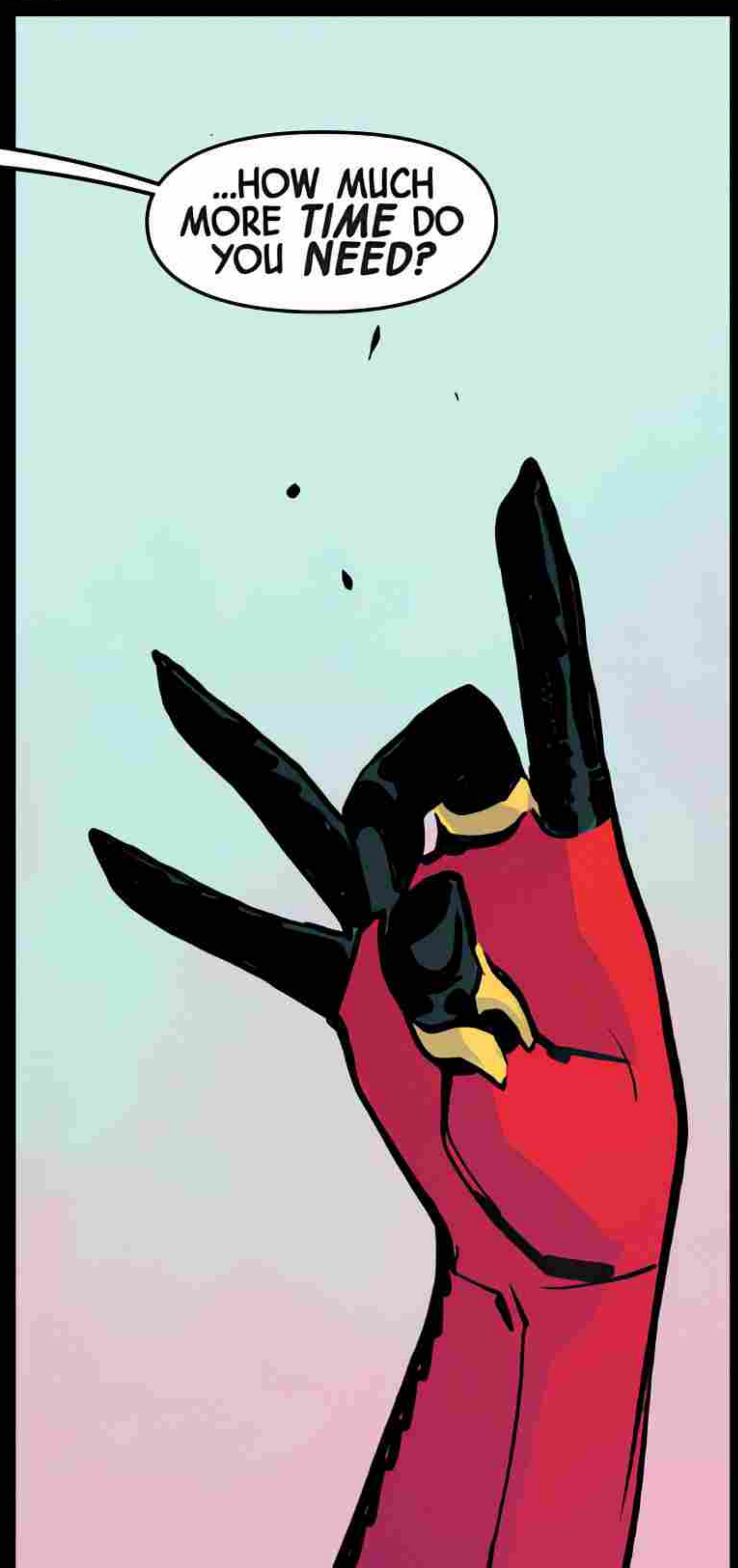
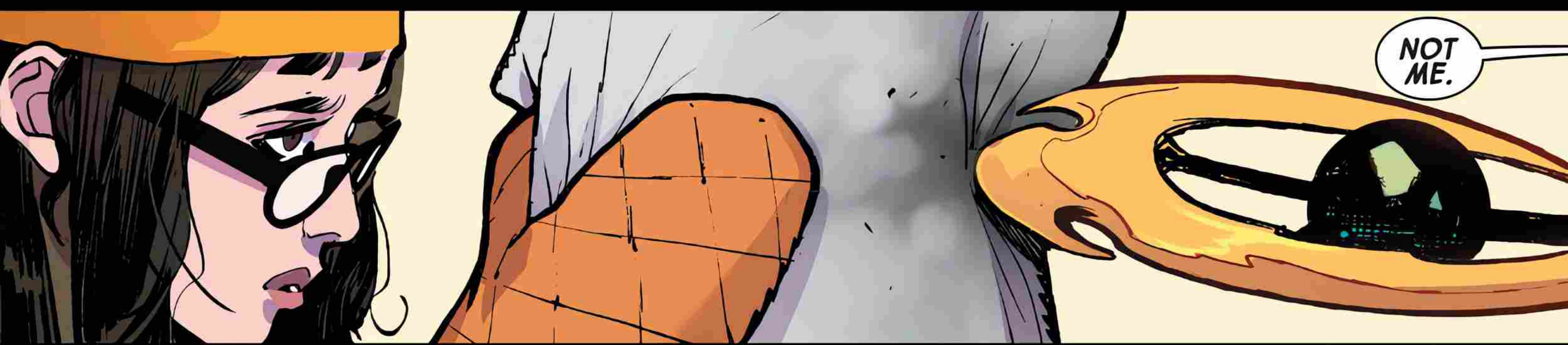
YOU'RE CHTHON'S WITCH JAILER--OUR BETRAYER AND OUR ATTACKER IN ONE.

YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN ON MY LIST. YOUR PLAY WITH THE TRUE DARKHOLD BROUGHT YOU TO THE TOP.



WHO'S PLAYING, MALEFICENT?!







NONE.



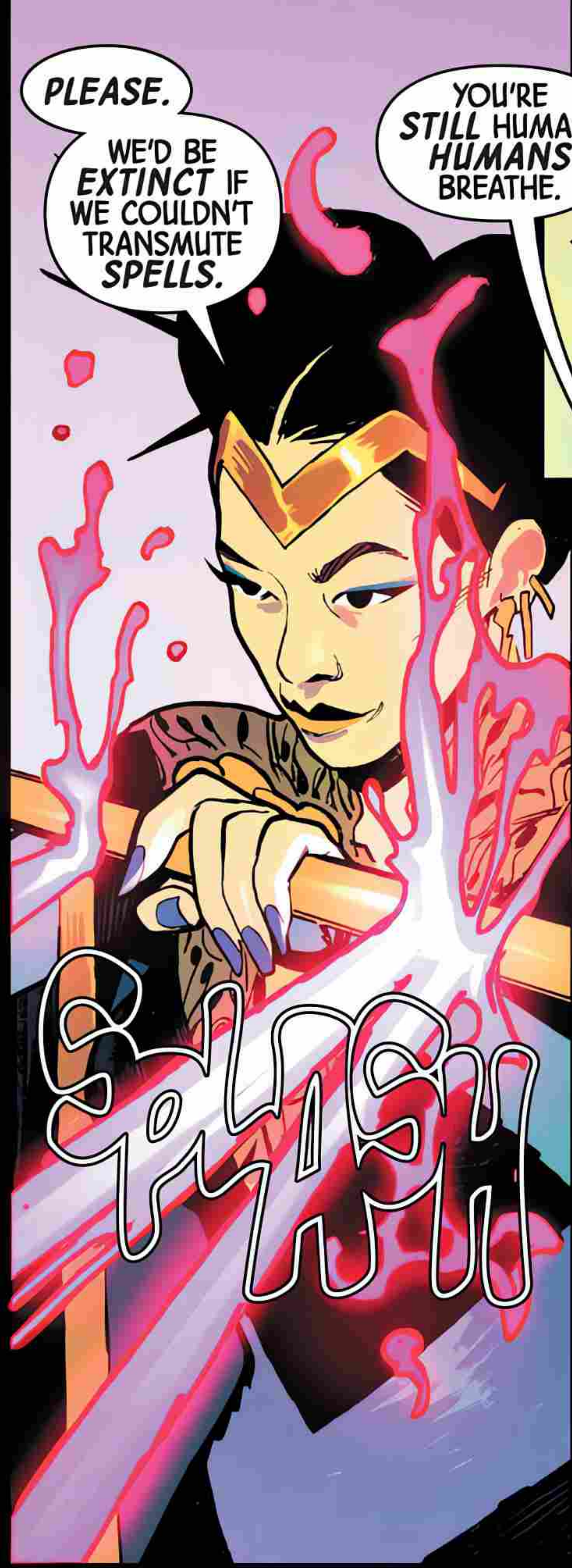
READY
WHAT'S NEXT,
JOSEPH. AND
REMEMBER
WHO PUT YOUR
HEAD BACK
ON.

WE'VE
DANCED
ENOUGH. THIS
IS NOW A
FIGHT.



I AGREE.

FWASHOOO



PLEASE.

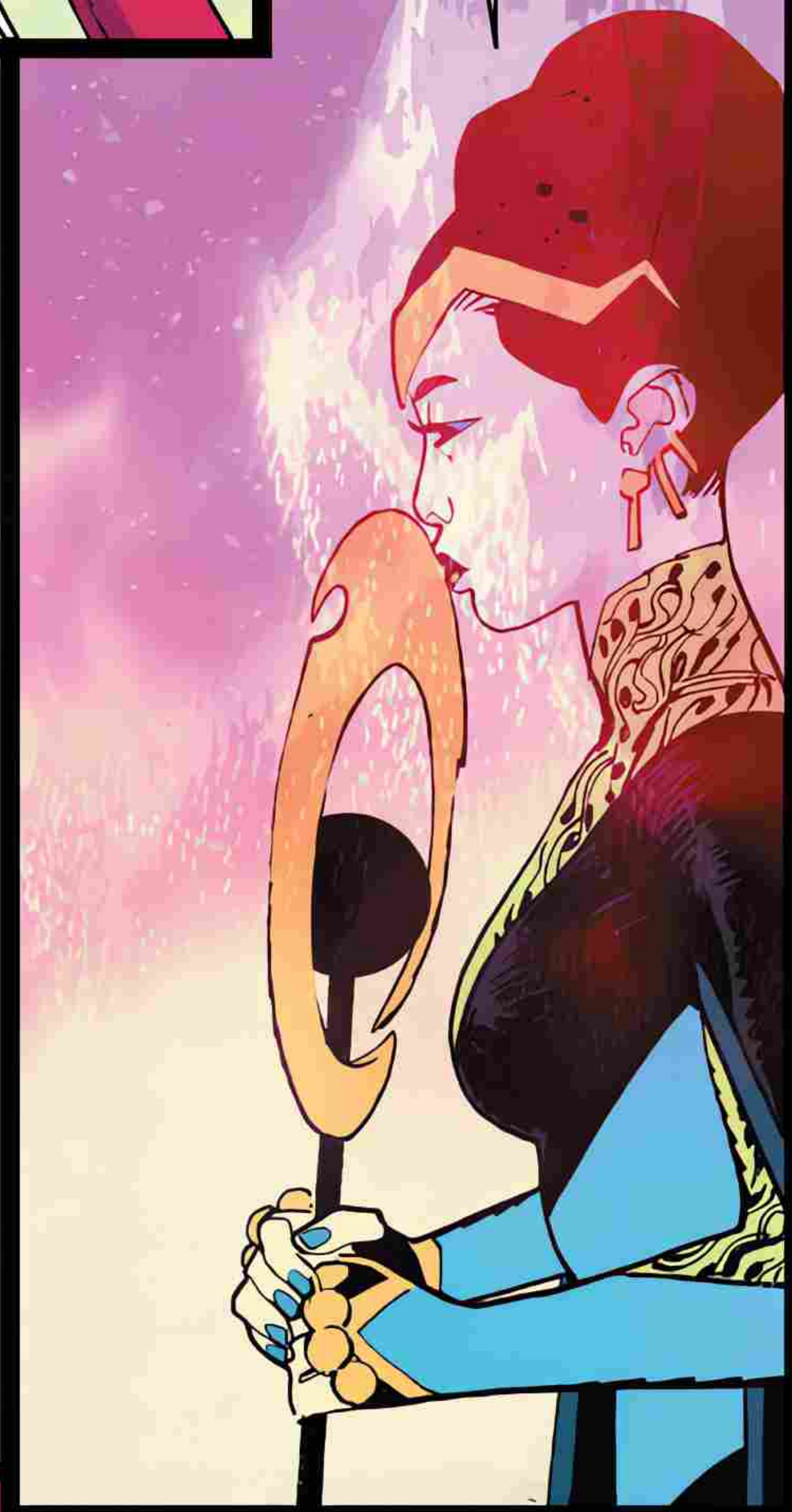
WE'D BE
EXTINCT IF
WE COULDN'T
TRANSMUTE
SPELLS.

YOU'RE
STILL HUMAN.
HUMANS
BREATHE.

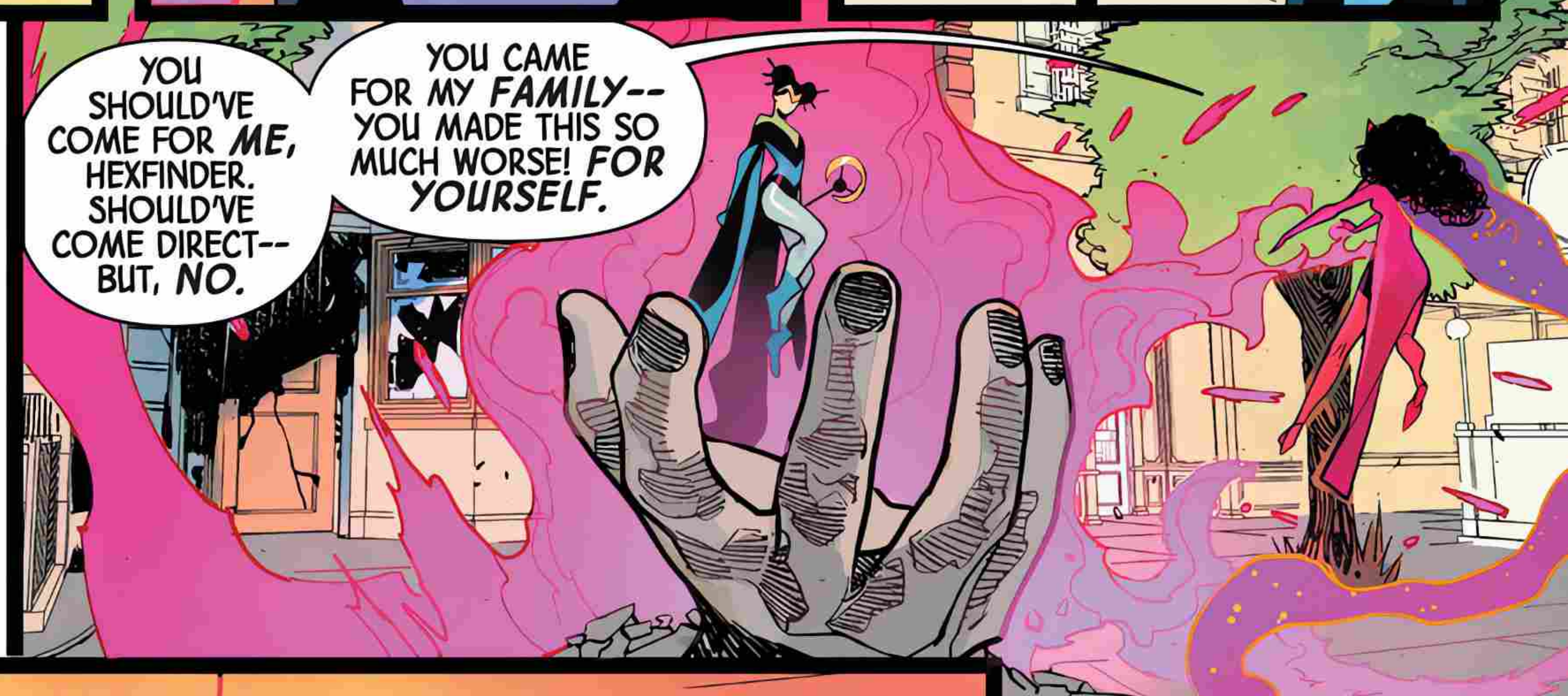
FWASHOOO



RUTHLESS,
WITCH. BUT MY
STAFF CREATES AIR
JUST AS FAST AS
YOU STEAL IT.



THERE'S MORE
THAN ONE WAY
TO CHOKE.



YOU
SHOULD'VE
COME FOR ME,
HEXFINDER.
SHOULD'VE
COME DIRECT--
BUT, NO.

YOU CAME
FOR MY FAMILY--
YOU MADE THIS SO
MUCH WORSE! FOR
YOURSELF.

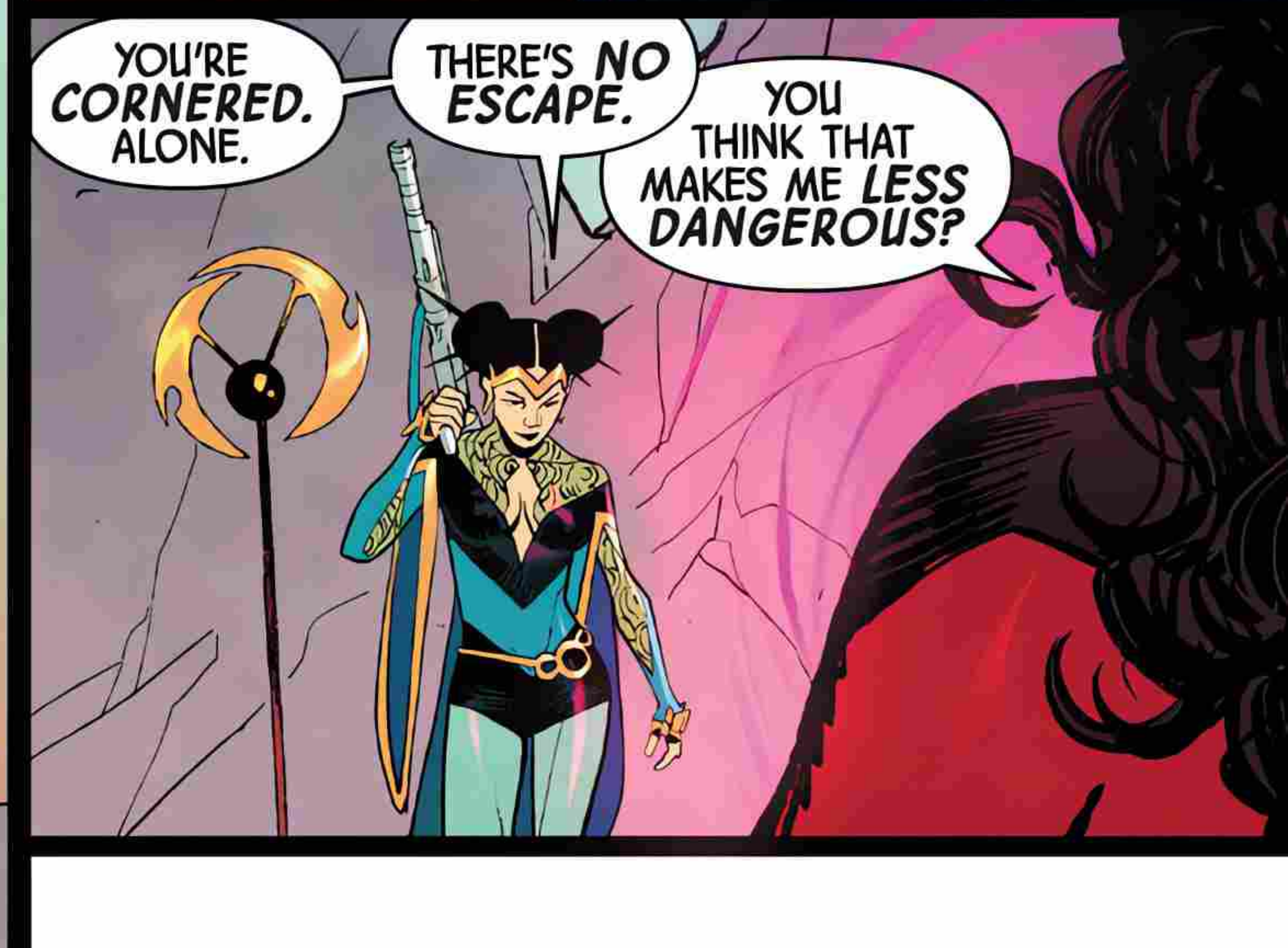


EHHK!
JOSEPH!

THE
CAGE--

--NOW!







YES.

COMPLETE COMBUSTION
HELLFIRE ROUNDS.
WE'RE **ALCHEMISTS**,
NOT **LUDDITES**.

BANG



SO, DON'T
TELL ANYONE,
JOE...BUT I **HATE**
BEING RIGHT.

ESPECIALLY
ABOUT LOW-BODY-
FAT CLONES **PLAYING**
ON MY FRIEND'S
GUILT.

STILL...



STICK TO
YOUR **STAFF**--
THESE MODERN
WEAPONS JUST
DON'T HOLD
TOGETHER.



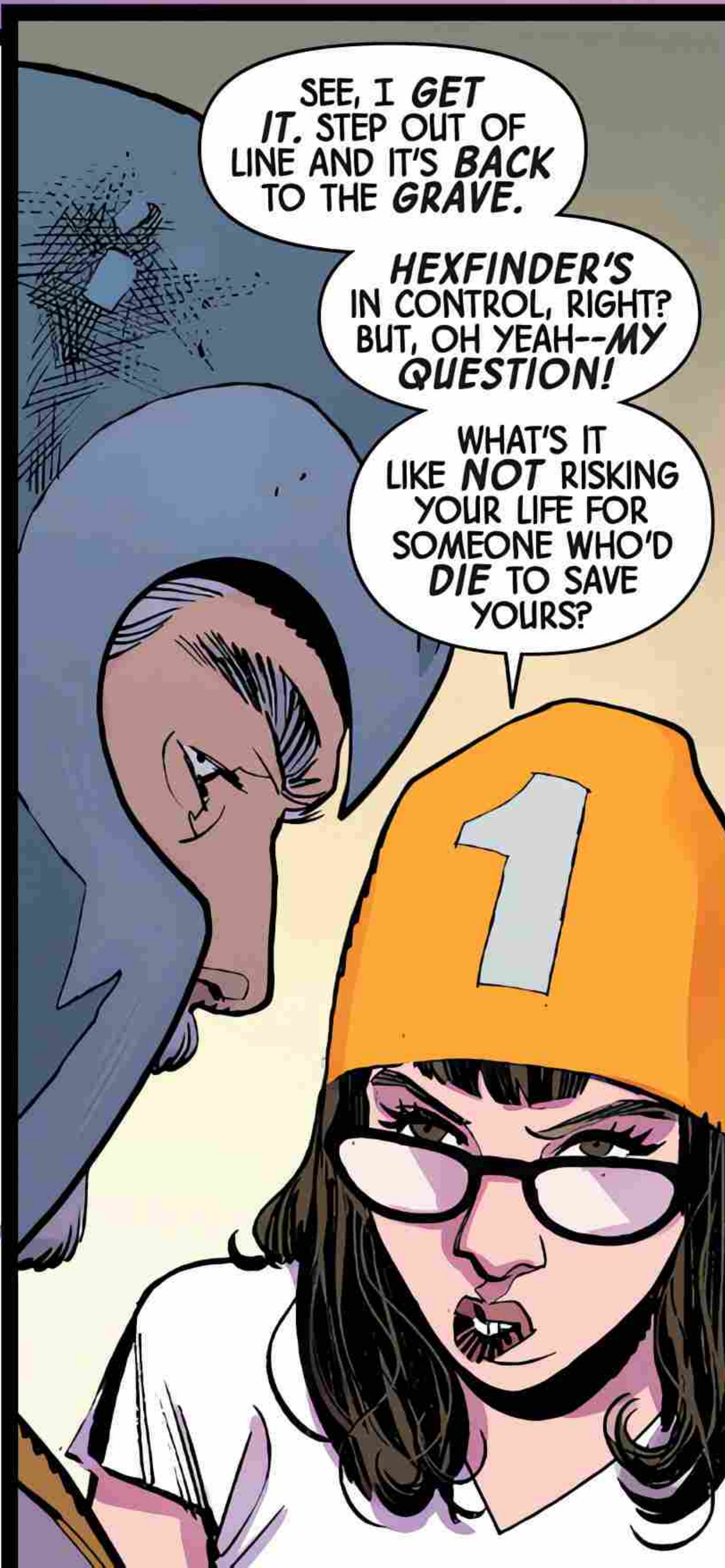
STOP, DARCY.
DON'T GET MORE
INVOLVED.

NO CAN
DO.

YOU
COULD STOP
ME THOUGH--
IT'D BE
EASY.

I'M NO
MASTER OF
MAGNETISM.

YOU COULD
KILL ME, FOR REAL. I
MEAN, ALL I'VE GOT'S
A LIT HAT...AND A
QUESTION.



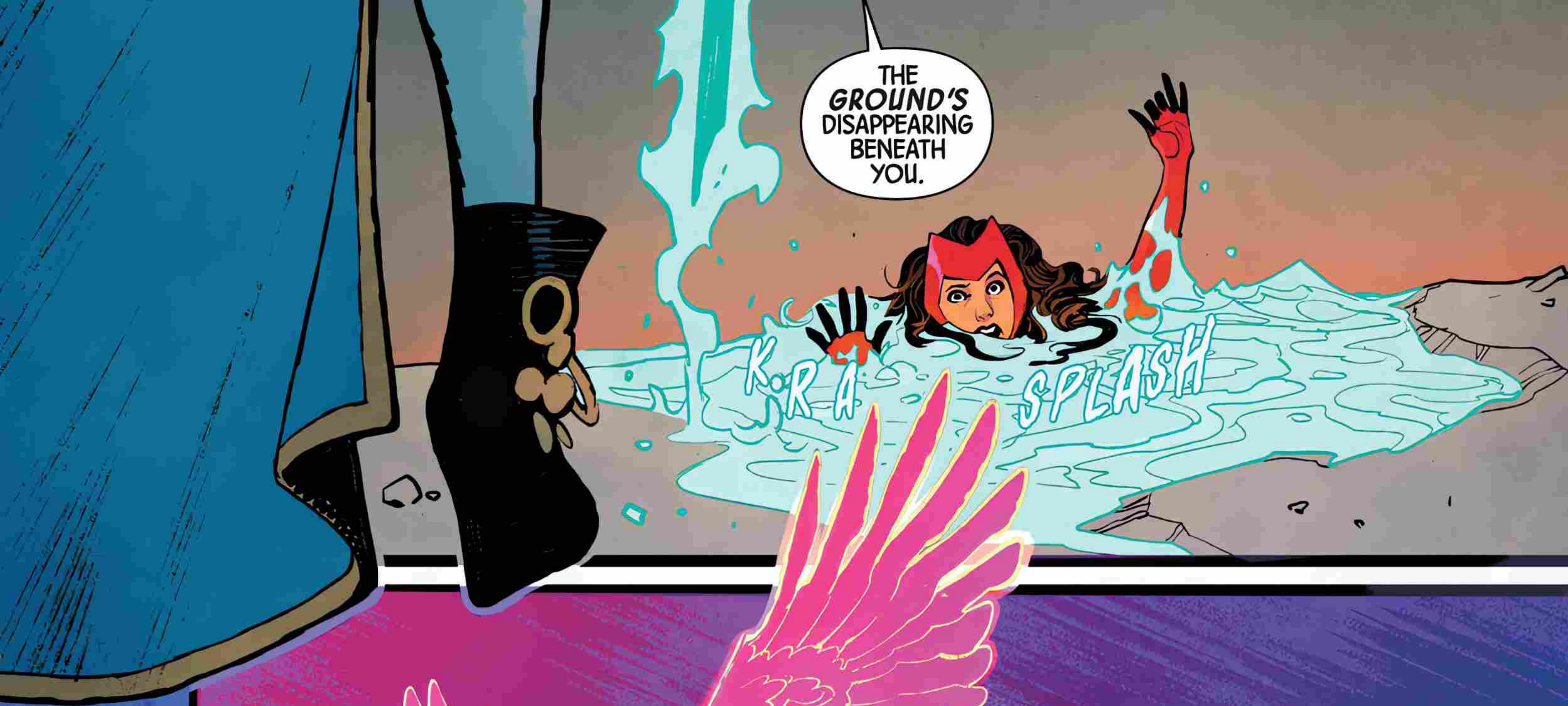
SEE, I **GET**
IT. STEP OUT OF
LINE AND IT'S **BACK**
TO THE **GRAVE**.

HEXFINDER'S
IN CONTROL, RIGHT?
BUT, OH YEAH--MY
QUESTION!

WHAT'S IT
LIKE **NOT** RISKING
YOUR LIFE FOR
SOMEONE WHO'D
DIE TO SAVE
YOURS?



DON'T
YOU **FEEL**
IT, WITCH?



THE
GROUND'S
DISAPPEARING
BENEATH
YOU.

K-R A SPLASH



LUCKY
I'M NOT
BEHOLDEN
TO IT!



ALL THIS
OVER A THOUSAND-
YEAR-OLD SLIGHT?! YOU
THINK WITCHCRAFT
IS DECEITFUL?

WHO OFFERED
JOSEPH AN OPEN
HAND--WHO PUT
THEIR BOOT ON
HIS NECK?!

HE'S
JUST A--

SLAM



IT WAS
RHETORICAL.
RESURRECTION
IS A GIFT--NOT
A LEASH.

YOU TOY
WITH A MAN'S
LIFE...NOT FOR
DUTY. FOR A
GRUDGE.

SIZZZZZZLE



I AM NOT
HAPPY.

FWOOOSH



THEN YOU
KNOW HOW
I FEEL.



→GASP←

NOW
LOOK AT THAT.
I WOULDN'T
STRUGGLE--YOUR
LUNGS AREN'T
LUNGS
ANYMORE.
THEY'RE
GOLD.



ALL YOU'VE
GOT IS THE LAST
BREATH YOU TOOK.
NORMALLY, I TURN
THE **WHOLE**
BODY.

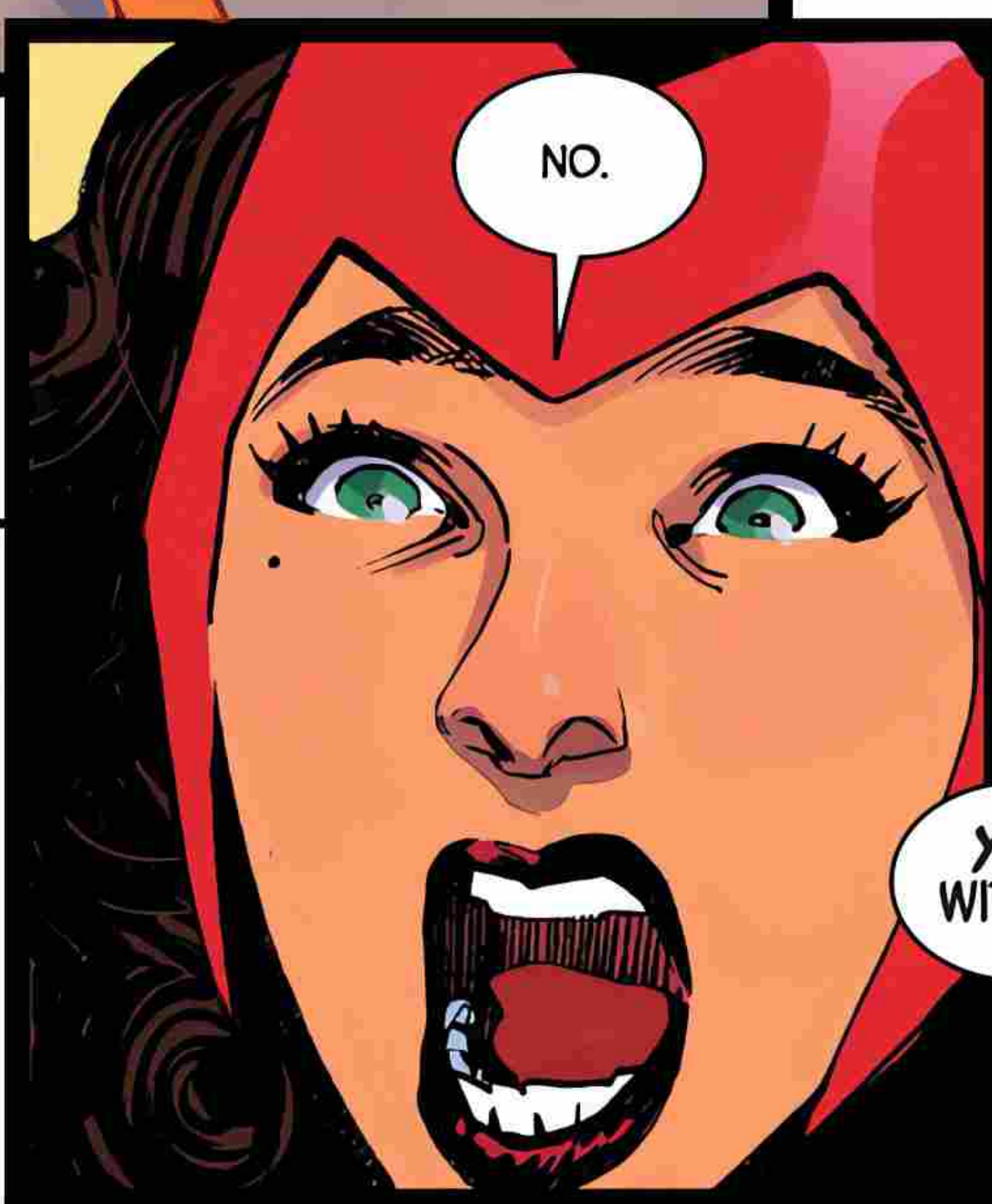
IT'S QUICK.
HUMANE. I
REFORGE THE METAL
INTO A **NICE** LITTLE
TROPHY.



BUT I
WANT YOU
TO **SEE** IT
COMING.



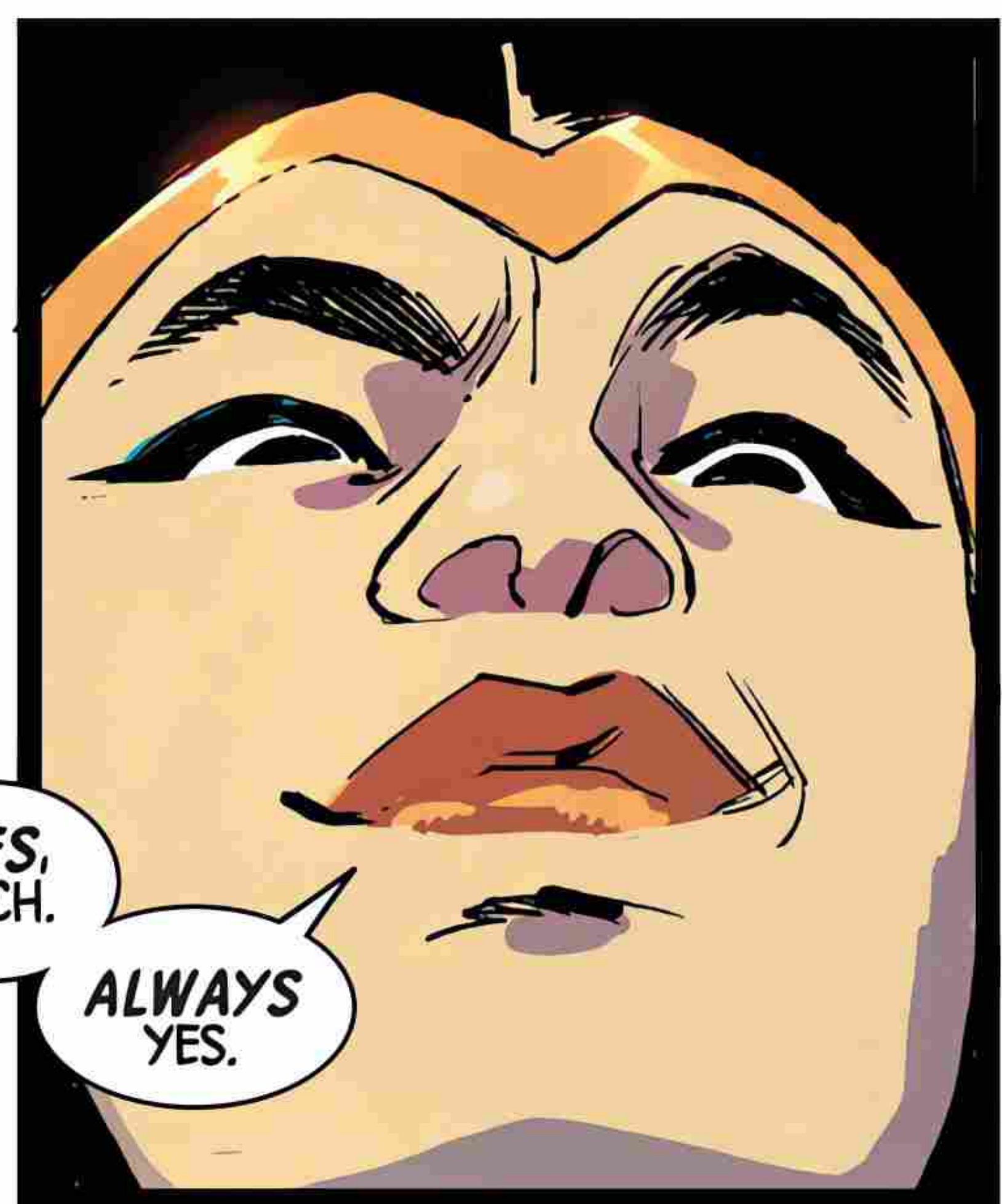
I CAN
ALWAYS
MELT DOWN
THE **PIECES**
LATER.



NO.

YES,
WITCH.

ALWAYS
YES.



WWWWWWHIP



STATUES
DON'T MOVE
ON THEIR
OWN--

--JOSEPH!

YOU'RE
BETRAYED,
NICOLA.

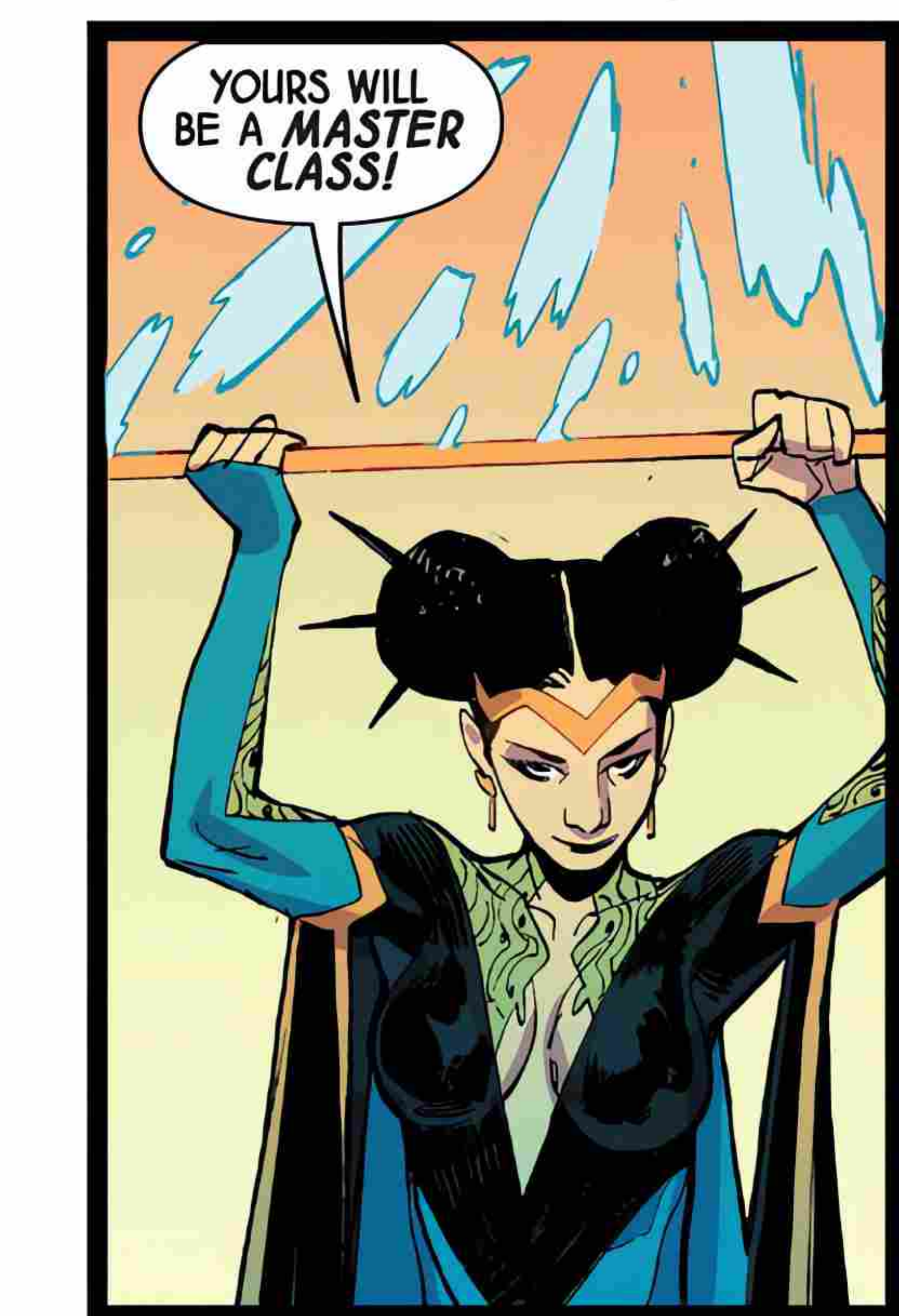
BUT
NOT BY A
WITCH.

WE DON'T
HAVE LONG,
WANDA. BUT DO
ME A FAVOR...HEY,
CALL IT A LAST
REQUEST.

GO HAND
THIS WOMAN
HER ASS.

IT
WOULD BE MY
PLEASURE.







WANDA.

WANDA...

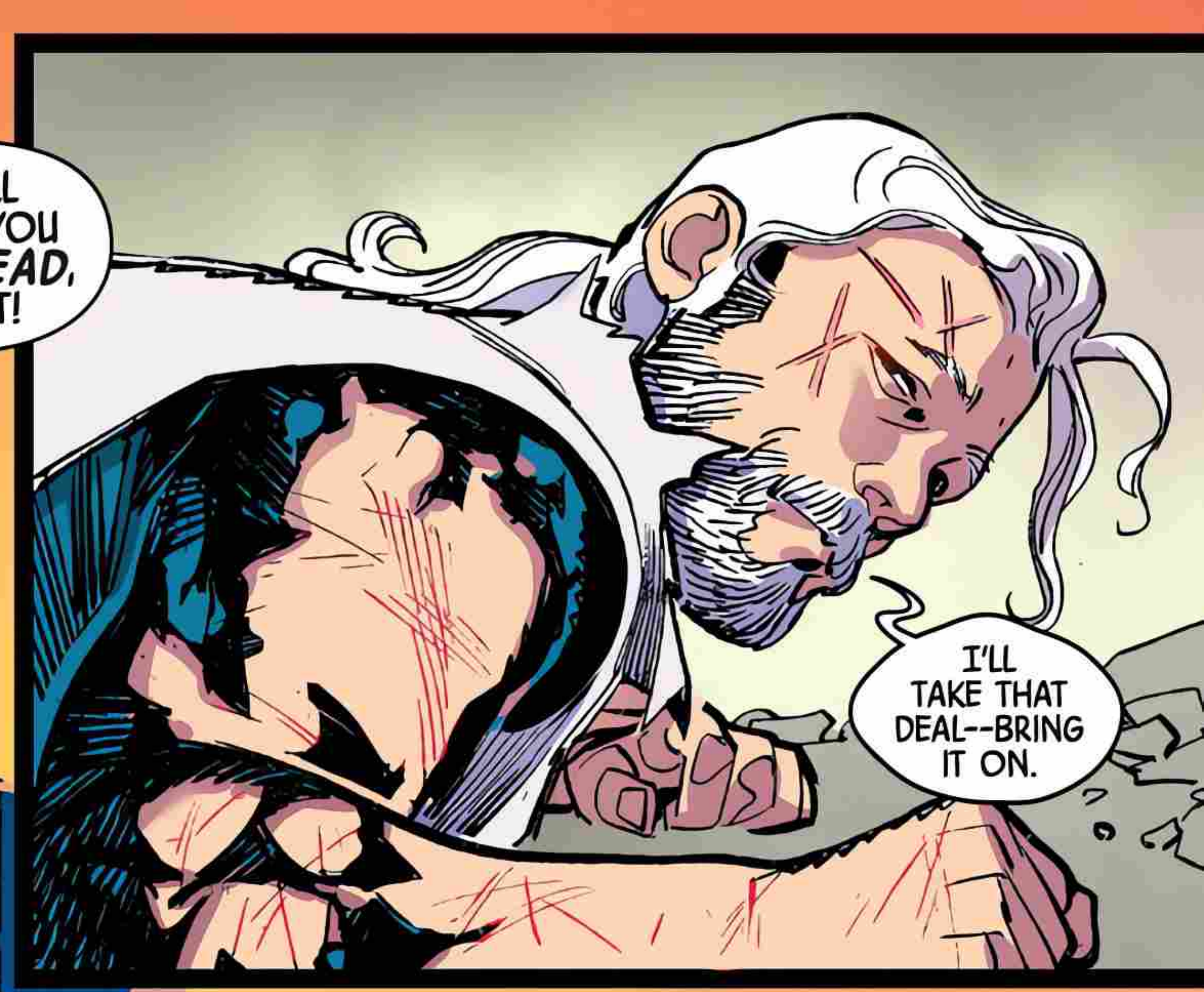
THE MYSTERIUM,
IT...IT'S GONE...
THE FLOOR IS
YOURS.



MY MYSTERIUM--
GONE?!

CHANGED?!

THAT'LL
COST YOU
YOUR HEAD,
PUPPET!



I'LL
TAKE THAT
DEAL--BRING
IT ON.



DEAL'S
OFF.



IT'S ALMOST
IMPRESSIVE,
HEXFINDER. IN
ONE ACT...

...YOU MOCKED
MAGNETO'S
DEATH AND
JOSEPH'S LIFE.

I'LL DO MORE
THAN MOCK. THE
STONE WAS A CRUTCH!
YOU THINK I WON'T
STILL KILL YOU?!



I'LL BLEED
DRY EVERYONE
YOU KNOW! YOU'LL
BEG ME TO
STOP!



OH, I
WON'T BE
BEGGING.



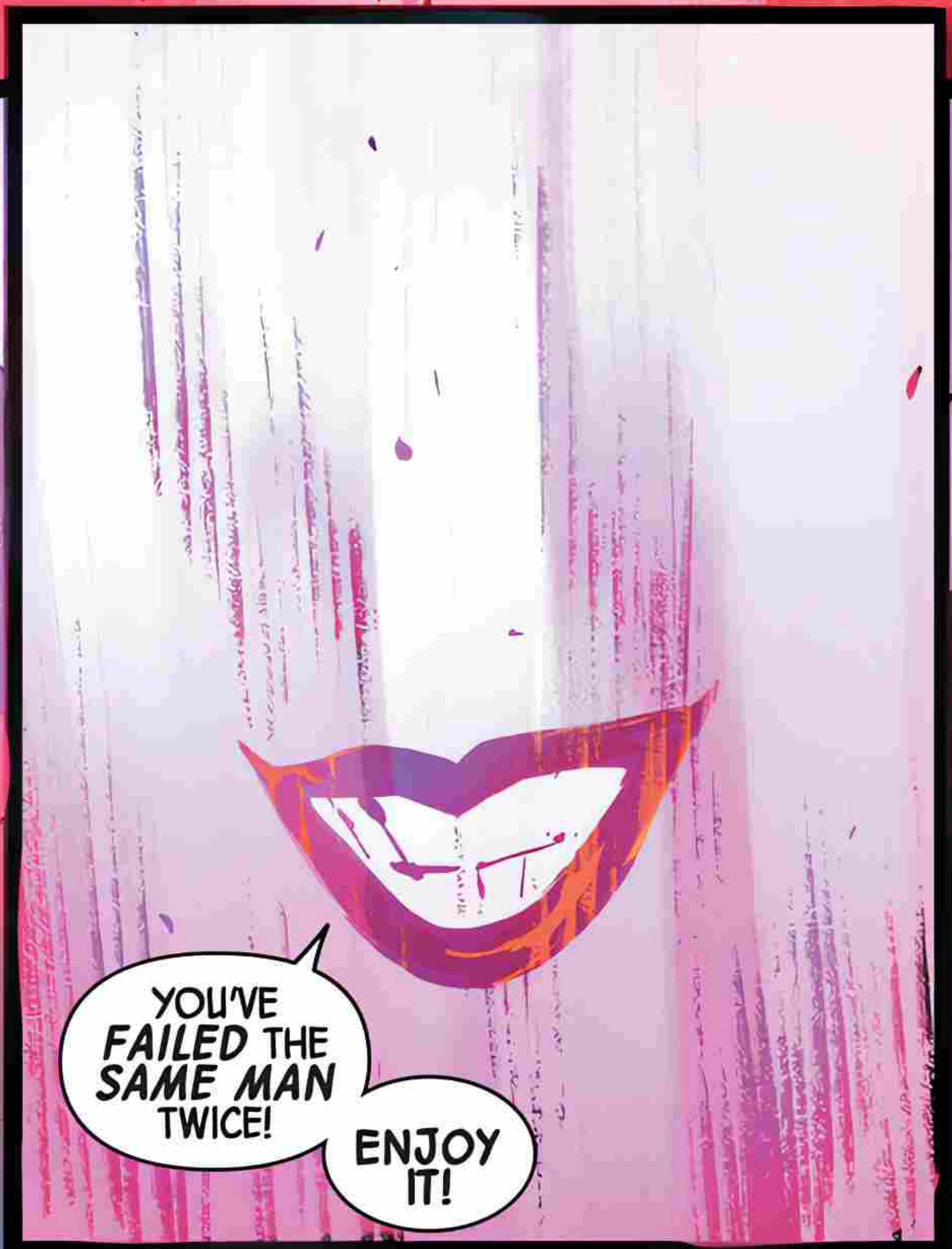
YOU
DISRESPECTED
MY *FATHER*. YOU
DAMAGED MY
FRIEND.

NOW I
CAN *AVENGE*
BOTH.



AVENGE?!
YOU'VE DONE
NOTHING,
WITCH!

NOTHING!



YOU'VE
FAILED THE
SAME MAN
TWICE!

ENJOY
IT!



DARCY...

HEY, HEY--
IT'S OKAY, JOE.
WHATEVER YOU DID,
YOU **WORE YOURSELF**
OUT...BUT YOU DID
GOOD.

WANDA!
GET OVER
HERE!



WAIT,
JOE--

IT'S OKAY.
I'VE GOT
HIM.

DO
SOMETHING!
MAGIC HIM!

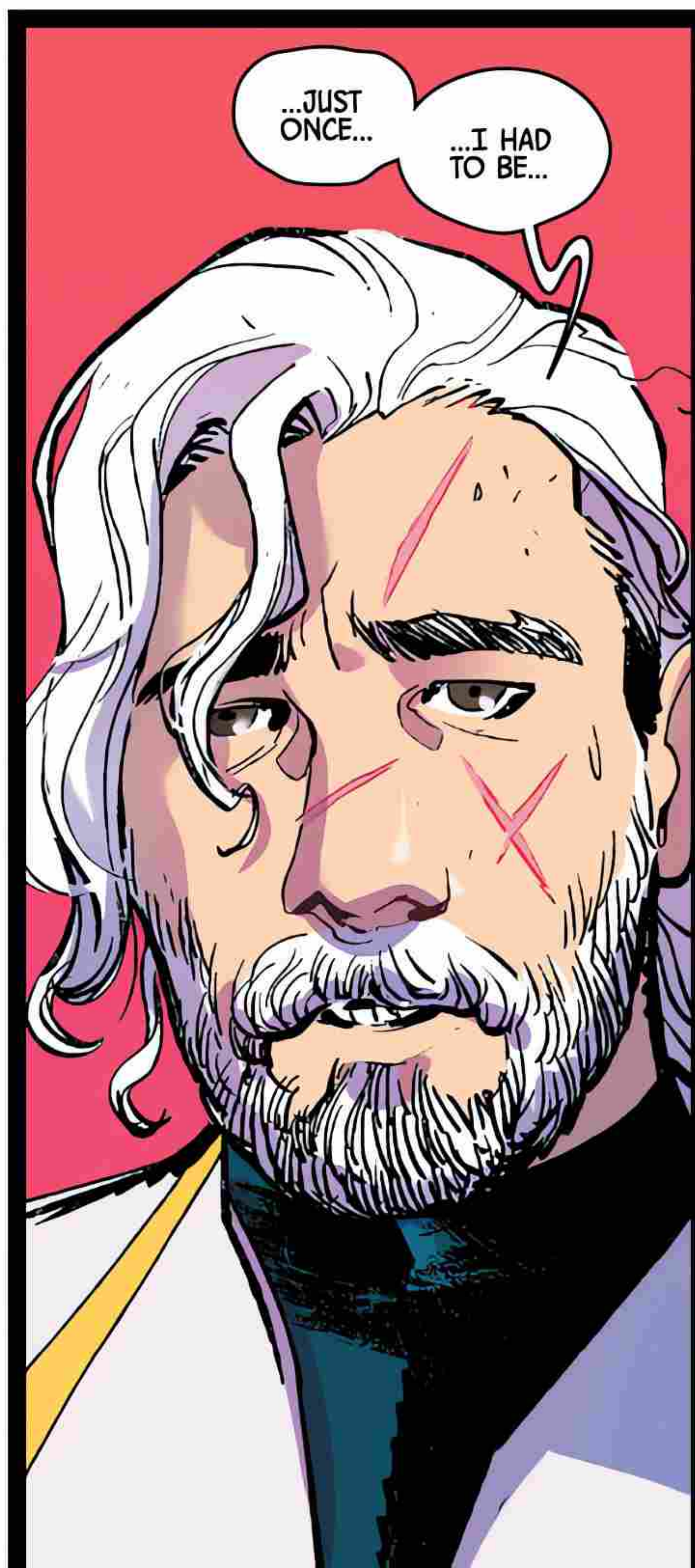


WANDA...
I'M SORRY,
WANDA...

JOSEPH--

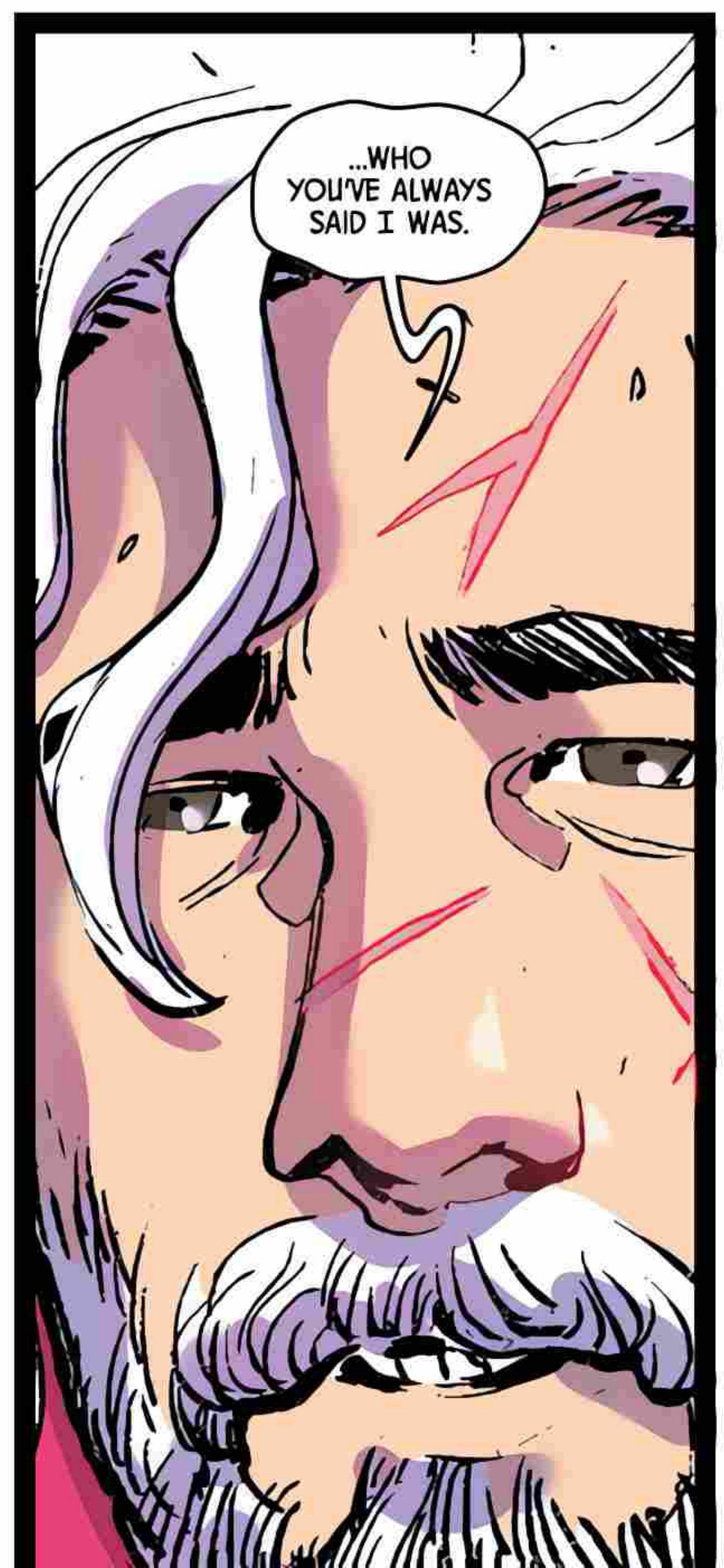
NO. NO...
I LIED, I LIED TO
YOU...AND YOU
WELCOMED ME. YOU
COULD'VE DIED...FOR
ME, EVEN...

...EVEN
KNOWING WHAT
I DID. I COULDN'T...
COULDN'T ALLOW
THAT. NOT YOU.
NEVER YOU. I
JUST...

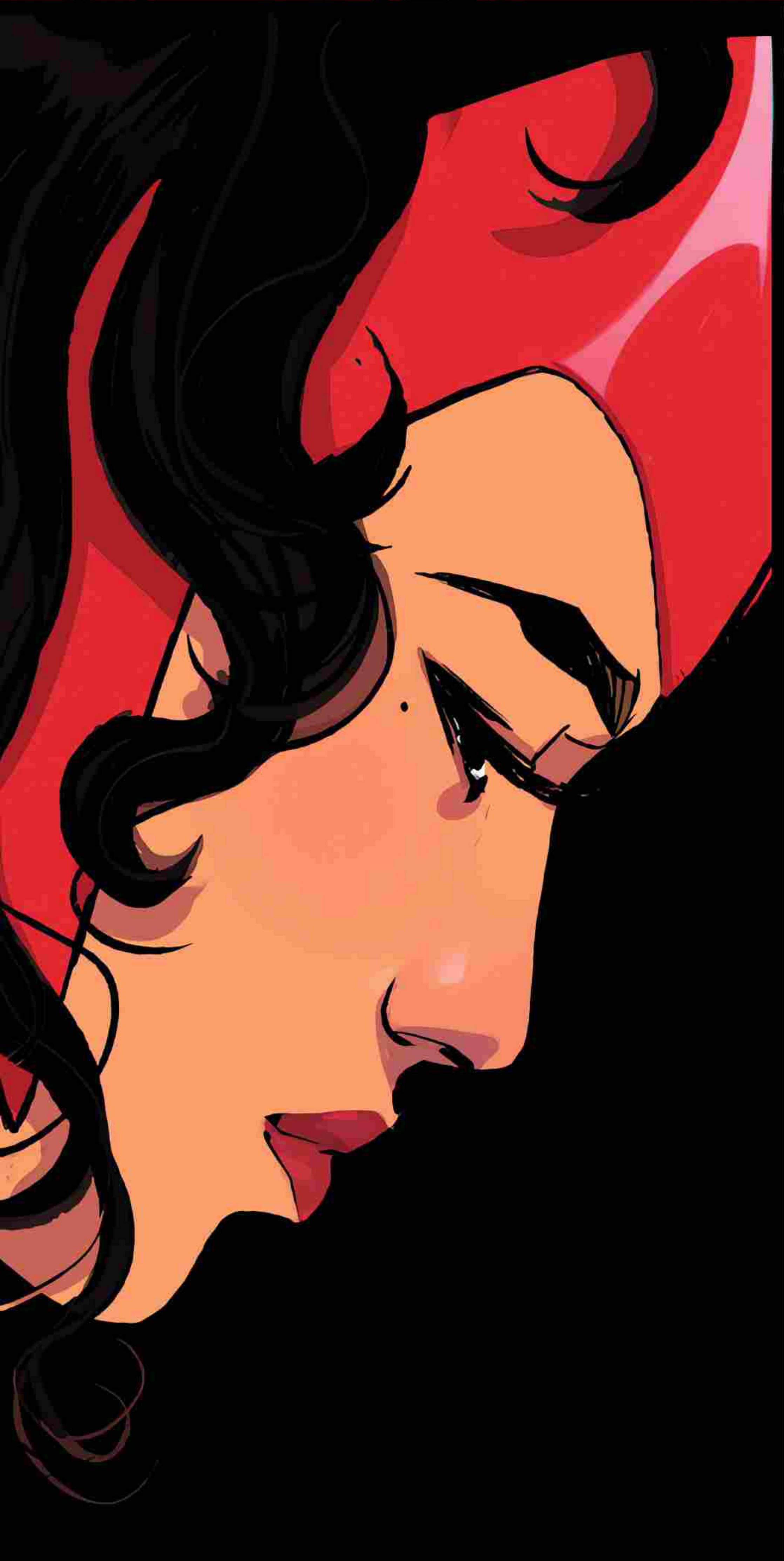


...JUST
ONCE...

...I HAD
TO BE...



...WHO
YOU'VE ALWAYS
SAID I WAS.







...HE LISTENED.

I SENT POLARIS A SAMPLE.

IT'S A TRANSPARENT METAL, LIKE ALUMINIUM OXYNITRIDE-- BUT WITH UNIQUE HEALING PROPERTIES.

SWEET, LIKE THE CRYSTALS THEY SELL AT THE MALL?

A BIT MORE POTENT THAN THAT.



BUT NOT THE SAME. NEVER THE SAME.

YOU ARE CHANGED BY THE ALCHEMY OF THE MOMENT.

AND IN THAT, YOU MAY NOT BE ALONE.



ONCE, MAGNETO CALLED MUTANTS EARTH'S NEW GODS. IN HEBREW, "YOSEPH" MEANS "GOD WILL GIVE."

THIS IS JOSEPH'S GIFT. I'VE TAKEN TO CALLING IT IOZIUM. PEOPLE WILL COME HERE TO BE WELL...

...AND REMEMBER HIM.

NOW YOU LIVE ON.



BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE CHANGING...

NEXT: WANDA RETURNS NEXT YEAR IN... SCARLET WITCH AND QUICKSILVER #1!



...YOU'RE ALIVE.

SCARLET LETTERS

Hello, true believers!

Editor Alanna Smith here, with a special message before I hand you off to Steve. The book you hold in your hands is the end of the current chapter of SCARLET WITCH, but the story is far from over! In honor of Wanda and Pietro's 60th Anniversary, we're launching a new series called SCARLET WITCH & QUICKSILVER in February 2024, by the same team you know and love! And we're already scheming on what comes after that. Wanda's future is bright, and it's all thanks to you loyal readers! Now, with that exciting announcement out of the way--take it away, Steve!

Greetings!

I wanted to take a moment to let you fine folks know how much I've been enjoying SCARLET WITCH. This is the second letter I've written to a comic forum. The last was to another Marvel comic about some Real American Heroes in the '80s. So it's been a while.

When I read the initial premise for SCARLET WITCH, I was intrigued. A story of redemption for a much-maligned character? Sounds like a solid foundation upon which to build. Russell Dauterman's redesign is breathtaking. My fear was, for a character as powerful as Wanda, the conflicts just wouldn't work. Steve Orlando has managed to create situations that cannot be resolved by Wanda's sheer power, and the stories are richer and more engaging for it. Furthermore, he gives Wanda a voice that is both regal and compassionate. Wanda has become a fantastic character. Sara Pichelli's artwork is sublime. The character's subtle expressions supplement the script fantastically. This is a book that deserves to build a following and generate some buzz.

Michael Knopp
Ripley, WV

Thank you for writing in, Michael! From me and everyone on the creative team--thank you! And even more so, very glad to hear from you if this is your first letter since the '80s! Wanda is always challenging to write, for sure--but like you said, her power just makes it incumbent on us to create new, dynamic and unexpected threats that make her rethink the way to win. And though the time's coming when Wanda will face nearly unstoppable forces, she'll still be fighting for a victory that breaks the status quo.

Dear SCARLET WITCH team,
I fell in love with this series from the moment I held the first issue in my hands. Scarlet Witch is my all-time favorite character. In fact, she is the super hero who got me into Marvel in the first place. I watched the first episode of WandaVision, and I immediately needed to know more about this amazing character. Since then, I have read every comic Scarlet

Witch has appeared in, but SCARLET WITCH #1 was the first comic I had ever bought. I loved it. It was this amazing story that really highlighted this character that I had truly grown to love. I feel like a lot of comics that I read have portrayed her in this really sexualized manner. This Scarlet Witch was a woman, and she was powerful. She was this fantastic, amazing heroine--she faced obstacles, but more importantly, she was helping people. She was a hero again, and she was amazing at it. (Though I did LOVE her villain arc.)

I love her new costume. Finally, a costume that is practical. Far more practical than some tights and a leotard, and it still keeps in touch with her witchy roots and her fantastic magical abilities. I also love seeing her normal clothes. It makes a lot more sense for her to be wearing something simple like that purple sweater and jeans that she wore in issue #2 and the sweats from the beginning of issue #6. It makes it seem like she is a real person. I loved seeing all the different cameos that we got--Storm, Pietro, Vivian, Magneto (sort of) and Polaris. Hulkling and Wiccan are some of my favorite characters, and I was absolutely ecstatic to see them in issue #6! Also, I was so happy to see Wiccan call Wanda "Mom"!!! And to see their standoff! I loved issue #6! I loved the seventh issue so much, and I am very excited to see what Loki is doing in issue #8!

I guess, in conclusion, I just have to say that this is my favorite comic ever. I really hope its run continues. Thank you all so much for creating something so wonderful.

Madeleine

Thank you so much, Madeleine! It can't be said enough, but it brings us so much satisfaction to know our take on Wanda is connecting well with her fans, both old and new. Sometimes it's easy to get lost down here in the comics mines! We're all working hard as hell to keep delivering for you and everyone who's interested in Wanda's journey--and it's been a wild one! In fact, it's sure to get even wilder and the stakes even higher. But Wanda will, of course, remain vigilant, even as her power is tested in new ways. There's cataclysmic stuff on the way, a threat looming bigger than anything Wanda's faced before, and I think you'll be happy to see some more familiar faces fighting alongside her down the battlefield road ahead.

Hi!

Just have to say that I love the stuff you're doing with this comic. Wanda is one of if not my favorite character, and seeing her redemption makes me so happy. I love the idea of her helping others who need help and have no one to turn to--a place she has

been in many times. The art in this series is so captivating, and the interactions Wanda has with the people she's helping is so heartwarming. Keep up the great work.

Sincerely,
Cameron G.

Hey, Cameron! Let me assure you that we're equally happy to have Wanda finally open a new chapter of her life as well. And just like in our real world out here--that doesn't mean forgetting or not learning from the past, it means building off it, not making those mistakes again and using them to make yourself into a more nuanced, more complete person. Your perspective is highly appreciated, Cameron! I can't wait for you to see what's upcoming for Wanda and Pietro's 60th Anniversary--there're dangerous times ahead! And a threat Wanda could never overcome without her new perspective.

Dear all,
Issue #7 may well be my favorite so far. Russell Dauterman's cover is astounding. And I didn't know I missed Ideaverse until this superb comeback! Bravo for your talent for always snooping into unexpected corners of the Marvel Universe. I love the idea of the Bookworm--he embodies everything an author should fear becoming: snobbish, egotistical and appropriating universes that belong to everyone.

Texola's transformation into Oz reminds me of the Westview Anomaly in WandaVision. But here, our Wanda handles the situation like a queen! As always, a huge thank-you for this series that means the world to me. And thank you for publishing my first mail, I was so moved to see it appear in the Scarlet Letters!

Hugo Lecompte
France

Thank you, Hugo! I mean, I'd say Wanda handles every situation like a queen, but then again, I'm pretty biased! It's our pleasure putting this series together and delivering it month after month. We couldn't do so without the support of people like you--so it's not just a pleasure, it's a privilege. The moment we realized Wanda could go toe-to-toe with the Wicked Witch of the West, it felt like a matchup that just needed to happen. And if she can deal in a little poetic justice while doing so? All the better. Truly--thank you for your words, and thank you for exploring Wanda's world with us. There're big things ahead!

Steve Orlando

Hey sis,
Heard some space junk flew too
close to the sun and decided to
become our problem. I assume
you'd prefer to avoid a crash
landing in your precious tourist-
trap town?
Have your intern order from that
place with the crepes.

-Pietra

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